

COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG, OR CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG; or

(3) Use the title "C.P.C." [or], "C.P.C."-"M.F.T.", "C.P.C.-A.D.", "C.A.C.-A.D.", OR "C.S.C.-A.D.", the words "certified professional counselor" or "licensed professional counselor-marriage and family therapist", or the words "certified counselor" or "licensed marriage and family therapist" with the intent to represent that the person practices professional counseling or marriage and family therapy, OR THE WORDS "CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG", "CERTIFIED ASSOCIATE COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG", "CERTIFIED SUPERVISED COUNSELOR-ALCOHOL AND DRUG" WITH THE INTENT TO REPRESENT THAT THE PERSON PRACTICES ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, notwithstanding whether the services are provided within the scope of practice of a certified professional counselor-drug and alcohol therapist, a certified counselor-drug and alcohol therapist, or a certified associate counselor-drug and alcohol therapist, nothing in this Act may be construed to require a nonprofit health service plan, insurer, health maintenance organization, or person acting as a third party administrator to reimburse a certified professional counselor-drug and alcohol therapist, a certified counselor-drug and alcohol therapist, or a certified associate counselor-drug and alcohol therapist.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health Occupations

18-102.

Unless the individual uses as a title or describes the services the individual provides by use of the words "psychological", "psychologist", or "psychology", this title does not limit:

(1) The right of an individual to practice a health occupation that the individual is licensed, certified, or otherwise authorized to practice under this article;

(2) The right of an individual to provide vocational rehabilitation services as authorized under Title 9, Subtitle 6 of the Labor and Employment Article; OR

[(3) The employment related activities and services of an individual who is employed by an alcohol and drug abuse program or facility that is accredited by the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Care Organizations or that is certified under Title 8, Subtitle 4 of the Health - General Article; or

(4) 1 (3) The nonprofit activities and services of a bona fide religious organization that is exempt from taxation under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Sections 1 and 2 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 1996.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act shall take effect October 1, 2001.

Approved May 23, 1996.